

**COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – May 4, 2009**

Commissioner John Price called the May 4, 2009 Commissioners' regular meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with Board members Tom Kite and Troy DeHart present.

**PLEDGE:** John Price led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Troy DeHart led the invocation.

**JOHNSON COUNTY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION-REQUESTING THE 2009 EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND HOLIDAY BENEFIT TIME- BILL PFIFER:**

Bill Pfifer, President of the Employees Association, stated he is before the Board today to receive approval of the 2009 employee holiday luncheon and holiday benefit time. Mr. Pfifer stated he is requesting the date of Wednesday December 23, 2009 @ 11:30 a.m. for the luncheon. Mr. Pfifer stated he believes the employees deserve this time for the holiday luncheon. Mr. Pfifer stated that he understands the budget crunch that the County is facing now and will be facing in the future, but feels the employees deserve the luncheon and afternoon off as a moral booster.

John Price, Commissioner, stated he does not feel that the employees don't deserve the luncheon and afternoon off, but the County is facing such a budget crunch that to have the building closed at the end of the year is just not feasible. Mr. Price stated he would not have a problem with allowing two hours for the luncheon and then have the employees return to work after the luncheon. Tom Kite, Commissioner, and Troy DeHart, Commissioner, agreed with Mr. Price. The Commissioners also suggested having a summer event in the parking lot and having the employees participate in it.

After further discussion, Tom Kite made a motion to approve the holiday luncheon to be held on Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with the County employees returning to work afterwards. Mr. Kite also stated the Commissioners would be willing to support a summer event for the employees. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION AS TO DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Johnson County Planning & Zoning- Petition for a Building Permit for Kevin Allen-**

**Dan Batta:** Dan Batta, Planning & Zoning Director, stated he is before the Board today to receive approval of a building permit for Kevin Allen. Mr. Batta stated due to the property being split and since recently been joined together the home owners would need a letter from the Health Department stating the acreage is sufficient to support a septic system. Mr. Batta stated the home owners do have the letter.

Tom Kite made a motion to approve the building permit for Kevin Allen with the condition that the Planning & Zoning Department will verify the acreage will meet the Health Departments standards. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Johnson County Planning & Zoning- Request to vary from the Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule offering a 30-day Grace Period with no Penalties to Correct Expired Building Permits- Dan Batta:** Dan Batta, Planning & Zoning Director, stated he is before the Board today to discuss the request to vary from the Departments fee schedule offering a 30-day grace period with no penalties to correct expired building permits. Mr. Batta stated they would like to offer a grace period to get expired building permits corrected. Mr. Batta stated after this grace period if the permits have not been corrected then they would be subject to the fine that is listed in the fee schedule. Mr. Batta also stated they are going to implement a procedure where permits that will be expiring would receive notice before they expire. Mr. Batta stated approximately there are 40 permits that have expired at this time. The Commissioners suggested to Mr. Batta other forms of communication to notify people of expired permits to help save on costs. It was also suggested to put a notice message in the packet that is picked up when the building permit is applied for that states the permit will expire in so many days and there will be a fine assessed.

After further discussion, Troy DeHart made a motion to table this item for further review with the County Attorney. Tom Kite seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Johnson County Planning & Zoning- Status update of FEMA Flood Acquisition Grant Application- Dan Batta:** Dan Batta, Planning & Zoning Director, stated he is before the Board to give a status update of the FEMA flood acquisition grant application. Mr. Batta stated his staff is finishing gathering information for the homes that were added to the list. Mr. Batta stated the grant application is due on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom Kite, Commissioner, stated he wanted to make sure the County is not the one who is holding up the process.

**Johnson County Community Corrections- Indiana Department of Correction Grant Agreement- Albert Hessman:** Albert Hessman, Community Corrections Director, stated he is before the Board today to receive approval on the Indiana Department of Correction Grant Agreement. Mr. Hessman stated the grant award is in the amount of \$461, 411.00. Kathleen Hash, County Attorney, stated she has reviewed the contract.

Tom Kite made a motion to approve. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Johnson County Information Technology- Approval of Expenses from the Enhanced 911 Fund- Rob Norris:** Rob Norris, Information Technology Director, stated he is before the Board today to receive approval of the 911 expenses for five (5) tough book laptops for the Greenwood Police Department. Mr. Norris stated the amount is \$6,656.66.

Tom Kite made a motion to approve. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Johnson County Information Technology- Manatron- Discussion on Warranty Maintenance on Epson Printers in the Treasurer's Office- Rob Norris:** Rob Norris, Information Technology Director, stated he is before the Board today to present the warranty maintenance on nine (9) Epson printers located in the Treasurers Office. Mr. Norris stated the total cost to put the printers on the warranty maintenance would be \$225.00. Mr. Norris also stated that Rita Sievertson, Treasurer, would be willing to pay for the maintenance out of her budget.

Tom Kite made a motion to approve the warranty maintenance on the Epson printers and for the maintenance to be paid out of the treasurer's budget. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Johnson County Highway Department- Request Approval to Approach County Council for an Additional Appropriations from Cumulative Bridge and Motor Vehicle Fund- Gary Vandegriff:** Gary Vandegriff, Highway Director, stated he is before the Board today to receive approval to approach County Council for an additional appropriations from the cumulative bridge and motor vehicles funds. Mr. Vandegriff stated he requests approval of the following funds:

Cumulative Bridge Fund for \$165,000 in line item 206.49335.000.206- Bridge No. 35  
Cumulative Bridge Fund for \$10,000 to NEW line item 206.49020.000.206- Roszell Dr.  
Cumulative Bridge Fund for \$510,000 in line item 206.46900.000.206- Olive Branch/Morgantown Road  
Motor Vehicle Fund for \$585,000 to NEW line item 201.46900.000.205- Olive Branch/Morgantown Road

Tom Kite made a motion to approve the request to approach County Council for additional appropriations from the Cumulative Bridge and Motor Vehicle fund. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Johnson County Highway Department- Approval and Execution of LPA and Consultant Contract and Execution of Engineer's Assignment Letter for the Olive Branch/Morgantown Road Project- Gary Vandegriff:** Gary Vandegriff, Highway Director, stated he is before the Board today to receive approval of the LPA and consultant contract and the execution of the engineer's assignment letter for Olive Branch/Morgantown Road project. Mr. Vandegriff stated the consultant contract is with American Structurepoint, Inc. Mr. Vandegriff also stated the State has reviewed and approved this contract.

Tom Kite made a motion to approve the LPA and consultant contract and the execution of the engineer's assignment letter for the Olive Branch/Morgantown Road project. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Johnson County Highway Department- Request a Bid Date for 2009 Cold Mix Material and Hot Mix Overlay Bids- Gary Vandegriff:** Gary Vandegriff, Highway

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Director, stated he is before the Board today to receive approval of an bid date request of June 1, 2009 for the 2009 cold mix material and hot mix overlay bids.

Tom Kite made a motion to approve. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Johnson County Animal Control- Approval to Approach County Council for Transfers and Appropriations for Final Payment to Construction Company- Dawn Phelps:** Dawn Phelps, Animal Control, stated she is before the Board today to receive approval to approach County Council for the following transfers and appropriations:

From: Fund 264 (Building Donation Fund) \$43,166.44  
To: 264.31000.000.264

From: Fund 264 (Operating Supplies) \$10,000.00  
To: 264.31000.000.264

From: Fund 264 (Other Equipment) \$3,532.04  
To: 264.31000.000.264

From: Fund 264 (General Donation Fund) \$13,059.53  
To: 264.31000.000.264

Ms. Phelps stated the final bill to the construction company is \$96,269.00. Ms. Phelps also stated out of these transfers she has allowed for \$2,000.00 for veterinarian care of animals in the event the service would be needed down the road.

Troy DeHart made a motion to approve. Tom Kite seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Johnson County Coordinator- Presentation on Requests of Exemption from Insurance Coverage Guidelines- Two Requests- Brenda Jones-Matthews:** Brenda Jones-Matthews, County Coordinator, stated she is before the Board today to present two employee requests of exemption from the insurance coverage guidelines. Ms. Jones-Matthews stated the requests are an exemption from the pre-existing condition clause in the health care plan. Ms. Jones-Matthews stated the clause states if the employee receives health or mental care in the prior three months of receiving health care coverage that condition is pre-existing and is not covered for twelve months. Ms. Jones-Matthews stated there are some conditions that have to be covered under law and are not considered pre-existing. John Price, Commissioner, stated he feels like this is an issue that should not be addressed in the middle of a policy year. Mr. Price stated this issue should be addressed at the next policy meeting.

After further discussion, Tom Kite made a motion to deny the exemption requests from the insurance coverage guidelines and to address this issue at a policy board meeting. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Johnson County Board of Commissioners- Certificate of Substantial Completion for the New Animal Shelter- Signature Requested:** John Price, Commissioner, stated the completion of the Animal Shelter occurred on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Kathleen Hash, County Attorney, stated the date on the certificate can be changed to reflect the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Kite made a motion to approve the certificate of substantial completion for the new animal shelter with the corrected completion date of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW AND OLD BUSINESS:**

**Commissioner's Regular Session Minutes 4-27-09-Approval Requested:** Troy DeHart made a motion to approve. Tom Kite seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Claims-Approval Requested:** Troy DeHart made a motion to approve. Tom Kite seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

John Price, Commissioner, stated the executive session would be held as follows:

2) Pursuant to IND. CODE 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (5), "to receive information about and interview prospective employees."

**Adjournment:** Tom Kite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Troy DeHart seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1, the Johnson County Board of Commissioners held their Executive Session @ 4:00 p.m. or immediately following the conclusion of the public meeting, whichever occurs later, to discuss personnel matters relative to the Board of Commissioners. It is hereby certified by the Johnson County Board of Commissioners that no subject matter was discussed in this executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

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John L. Price

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Thomas A. Kite

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Troy A. DeHart

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Richhart, Auditor